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COUNTY FARM EXHIBIT

At a meeting of the Exhibit Committee of the Agricultural Improvement Association held at Marlinton Saturday afternoon there were present F. R. Hill, J. A. Sydenstricker, Geo. W. Sharp, T. M. Martin, Calvin W. Price, and County Agent Burt Johnson. F. R. Hunter and J. M. Paris were absent.

Mr. Johnson reported that a keen interest was manifested by the people of the county in the proposed exhibit of farm products to be held about the first of the coming October.

It was decided to arrange the exhibits under three general heads—agricultural, horticultural and domestic science products. Suitable prizes and awards will be arranged.

The grand prize will be for the best and most complete exhibit of the farm shown as a whole. This will include practically everything raised on the farm. Specimens shown in this contest, may also be shown under the other heads. Prizes will also be offered from like exhibits from the four districts of the county.

Agricultural Products
Under this head prizes will be offered for the ten best ears of white corn, ten best ears of yellow corn, and the best ear of corn; peck of potatoes, sheaves of wheat alfalfa, timothy, clover and oats; pecks of wheat, oats and buckwheat; mangels and field pumpkins; sheaf of soy beans, which should include roots and all.

Horticulture
The best plates, consisting of seven of summer, fall and winter apples; plate of cling and free stone peaches; plate of pears, plums, quinces, onions, and grapes; celery, tomatoes, turnips, cabbage, cauliflower, sweet corn, honey squashes and sweet pumpkins.

Domestic Science
When it came to this division the committee was somewhat at sea, and F. R. Hill was appointed

a committee to confer with Mrs. Andrew Price about arranging for this exhibit, and report to a meeting of the committee to be held May 22. However, prizes will be offered for maple syrup and molasses; fancy work; pastry, canned fruits and vegetables, pickles, weaving and spinning.

The number and value of the prizes will depend in a large measure upon the liberality of the business men of the town of Marlinton. As soon as it can be arranged a catalog will be gotten out.

Rev. A. L. McKeever died at home at Jane Lew, Harrison county, Tuesday May 4, 1915, after an illness of four years of paralysis. He was a native of Pocahontas county, and was 71 years old at the time of his death. During the war between the States he served in the Union army, and afterwards was in a number of campaigns against the Indians. In 1868 he entered the ministry of the Methodist Protestant Church and for forty-four years was in active service. This included two years as president of the conference. His last ministry was at Jane Lew. Few ministers in the state were more widely known. His declining years were spent in peaceful quietude with every want supplied. Mr. McKeever is survived by his wife and five children; by his brother, Geo. W. McKeever, of Swago; his sisters, Mrs. Mary Morrison, of Swago; and Mrs. J. H. Adkison, of Mt. Clare, Harrison county, and his half brother, Rev. Moore McNeil, of Smithville.

Allen P. Edgar has been appointed committee for the estate of Max Curry who has recently been convicted of a felony and who has a large estate of both real and personal property. There are a good many debts and different liens and a chancery suit has been brought to settle the different priorities.

COUNTY COURT

The county court was in session Monday and Tuesday. Petition for extension of the Cold Run road and change in location referred to viewers for report.

Balances on road funds were reported as follows: Greenbank, \$2592; Huntersville, \$694; Levels, \$3055; Edray, \$2603. Special road funds: Greenbank, \$2769; Edray, \$29; Huntersville, \$654; Levels \$380 overdrawn.

On petition of over 200 signers for urgent repairs on the road from Cass to Greenbank, Road Superintendent Beard directed to expend \$300 or any part thereof in widening the road and otherwise repairing the same.

Spice Run Lumber Company granted permission to cross public road with railway. Same permit to the Craig Lumber Company.

Delegation was present with petition for improvement of the Stamping Creek road and change location to use part of the old railway grading of the Warn-Lumber Company as a road. Viewers appointed to report on the practicability of the route, Kenny Wade, Asa Barlow and Cam Beard.

Spice Run Lumber Company appeared in behalf of a proposed road, out to the main road, offering to construct the same on the Williams Survey for \$1200. Clerk directed to advertise for bids for two weeks for the construction of said road.

Petition of R. H. Bailey and others to open up road on Elk Lick Run. Referred to road superintendent.

Petition of Loring Nottingham and fifty others for road from Boyer Siding to Durbin. Referred to viewers for report on advisability of opening up a road in part on old tramway sit; up river, H. L. Kessler, French Sutton and Cam Arbogast.

Clerk directed to advertise for bids for bridges across North Fork of Deer Creek at Greenbank and a small bridge at Patterson's mill on the same stream.

The court personally investigated the sixty year old bridge across the river at Marlinton, also secured a report from a special committee of six road and bridge men and being convinced that this bridge is much weakened by decay and a danger and a menace to the traveling public, it was condemned and the clerk directed to advertise for two weeks for the construction of a cement reinforced bridge to replace the old structure, and on the old site. Said bridge to have 18 foot roadway and a sidewalk of six feet, cantilevered, on one side.

On Tuesday morning the court went up in the Huntersville district an viewed the road constructed by G. W. Huxley. The court tendered the contractor for the road the contract price (\$800) plus \$200 or \$1000 in all. The court was moved to take this action as the members are convinced that the builder has lost heavily on this job, also taking into consideration the inability of the parties to agree on the terms of settlement. The court is not well pleased with the manner in which said road was constructed, largely owing to the fact that the grade is not uniform, nor does it follow the original survey, except in part.

The court inspected the approaches to the Douthards creek bridge, and by order of record condemned the wooden approach put in recently by the road superintendent, and directed that this wood work be removed and its place filled by earth and stone. Said material to be secured from the channel and bank of stream above the bridge in the best manner to maintain a channel, and that free entrance be made on lands adjoining for the purpose of making such repairs. This work to be done under direction of road superintendent Hevener Dille.

Court will meet in special session Monday, May 17, to inspect registration in Greenbank district for special school election and for other purposes.

MAN WANTED—at once, a man with experience in running a portable well drilling outfit. State experience and wages wanted in first letter. Address, T. F. PETERS, Cora, Va.

ANOTHER HIGH SCHOOL TALK

People of Greenbank district, are you talking high school to every voter whom you may influence to vote for what you want? Are you a high school enthusiast? If not, get busy, for it is going to take work to get it. It is not enough to know that you are going to vote for the measure. How is your neighbor viewing the matter? Explain it to him. Get him interested.

There is no higher mark of intelligence and progress than to be a consistent and effective exponent of better schools for better educational, social, and religious conditions in your district. When we see a man interested in and working for better schools he is at once raised in our estimation many fold. We measure men by what they do. In a few years your boys and girls are going to be measured by the same standard. Are you going to make the most of this opportunity to get an institution that will best fit them to meet this measurement.

Do you realize just how much this high school will do for the district? It will stimulate study and enlarge ambition in every school in the district. For example, the writer knows two district boys either of whom could have had the free school course completed last year if the proper stimulus had been behind their study. Not long since I heard the oldest say: "Now B—, if we get this high school we've got to get in school and finish the eighth grade this year so we can get into the high school the next year." From a personal knowledge of the boys, I know that it is probable that one or both will not complete the free school course if they do not have held out to them the opportunities offered by a high school. That is only an example. All over the district are similar cases. Many young people all over the district have received diplomas this year. That shows that they are done with the free school—the grade work. What are they to do now? Nothing unless they get a high school.

A high school will open channels heretofore closed to your younger generation. But just recently there has come under the observation of the writer an instance of where the lack of a high school education was sorely felt. Three years ago a young lady of Greenbank district finished the eighth grade. Not then having the opportunity to go away from home to school, she spent three years of enforced idleness so far as progress was concerned. Last fall she was permitted to enter upon a commercial course at a West Virginia institution. She excelled in a marked degree, easily leading all others in her department. Consequently she, before graduation, was offered a position as teacher in the commercial department of a school of high school education. She was forced to let that golden opportunity come as it did to one so young. Why? Because Greenbank district did not have a high school for her to attend during those idle years. Now, that's only another instance of lost opportunity. Are you by your vote and by your influence going to open up these channels of progress which are now closed to the boys and girls of Greenbank district but open to those of other districts in your county?

In campaigning for this school let us remember that "He who helps children, helps humanity with a distinctness—with an immediateness—which no other help given to human creatures in any other stage of human life can possibly give again." X.

DOWN SOUTH

Editor Times:— If we were to undertake to tell you all we saw while on our trip to Florida, our best efforts along this line would be consigned to the waste basket.

Clearmont, Fla., is beautiful for situation—located between two large lakes, the surface of which is 105 feet above sea level with the land rising from 50 to 150 feet, gently sloping above the lakes, making a high, dry and healthy spot. Pure soft water is reached at a depth of 150 to 200 feet—going first through sandy loam, clay sub-soil, and then through limestone rock. The water in wells thus drilled will rise to within ten feet of the surface of lakes, but no higher. No one there is able to tell the reason why, neither will we attempt to explain.

These are fresh water lakes, clear and pure, and well supplied with fish of various kinds. If you are an enthusiastic angler, and want to have real sport take a trip to Clearmont, Lake county, Fla. The water is fine; the waves roll pretty high when the wind blows hard but the "white caps" look beautiful.

Feeding our stock at home until the first of May, if we are fortunate to have anything left to feed on, it was a strange sight to us to see "natal grass" waist high, and ready to mow the 25th of March. This grass when once sown, soon makes a good crop and can be cut four or five times a year, yielding about one ton per acre at a cutting, and it is worth, when baled, about \$20.00 per ton. Oats were heading out at the same time.

We saw twelve different varieties of fruit in the same orchard on Lake Minnebasca. All fruits and veg. ls do well around the lakes. While there we saw from fifteen to twenty different kinds of vegetables growing, and ready for the table. It is a beautiful sight to see the golden fruit, oranges and grape fruit, hanging on the trees with the bloom bursting forth from every bough.

Our attention was called to a chicken farm which we visited and found that the owner had begun in a very small way four years ago, and now he has a very nice home, and he told us that he had 1,400 white Leghorn hens, 1,000 young chicks, three or four incubators in operation. He was getting a bout 700 eggs a day, was getting 30 cents per dozen, and that he had more orders for one day old chicks at \$15.00 per hundred than he could fill.

E. H. M.

The county court heard reports on the condition of the old bridge at this place which has stood the storms for sixty-five years, and decided that it was time that the structure was replaced by a new bridge. The wood work is not as well preserved as its outside appearance would lead one to believe. In the hidden corners and between the layers of the braces where moisture has got in its work there is sign of decay. The old bridge is built like the famous one horse shay and there is danger that when it goes it will all go at once like that famous vehicle. A string of loaded wagons on the bridge might do the work. The court decided on the cement bridge in this they were largely influenced by the experience of the town of Alderson which put in an iron bridge some years ago and which has recently been replaced by a concrete bridge. The two abutments and approaches will be used but the pier in the center will be taken out. An effort will be made to get the work done this season. A foot bridge will be maintained while the work is going on.

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ARBOVALE

Dry and cool; grass is very short and oats are not doing much good.

Corn planting is the order of the day. There is more corn being planted than usual and the farmers are putting the ground in better condition ever by dragging, disking etc.

Sam Ervin got a horse badly crippled by cutting itself on a nail; the cut is about a foot long. Clarence Flynn is preparing to build.

Frank Kerr, of Buffalo Mt., was in town last Saturday.

Lanty Wooddell and son Glenn are putting up some wire fence for the Boyer Lumber Co.

Will Ervine moved to his farm last Monday.

Cleo Woods and Bruce Brown made a trip last Sunday to the old camping ground on Alleghany Mt. to view the old battlefield.

Rev. John Hevener of the Brethren Church, preached at Pine Grove school house last Sunday night.

Mrs. F. C. Arbogast and children are with Mrs. Arbogast's sister, Mrs. Porter Kerr.

Mrs. Frances Wooddell has been very poorly for several days, but we are glad to say she is some better.

Misses Mabel Woods, Annie Conrad, Mabel and Winnie Gillispie went a fishing one day last week, but owing to the day being so cold, did not have much luck.

The number of automobile licenses issued by the state auditor for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915, will be almost double that of last year. Up to the present time the number is 9,183, as compared with 5,632 at the same time in 1914. The total number of licenses issued last year was 6,159. The new license tag which is being issued for the coming fiscal year is different in color from that of last year, having a red background and white letters and figures.

OAK GROVE

Monday morning, May 10, this section was visited by old Mr. Jack Frost, but he failed to do any damage, we are glad to say.

Mrs. Vester Gilmore of Marlinton, who was visiting her sister, Mrs. J. B. Sutton, returned to her home last Saturday.

Mrs. J. F. Ashford has returned from Durbin, where she was visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Marshall.

Lock Slaven, who has been away to the lumber camps, spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in this part.

Mrs. H. H. Hudson of Durbin, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Ashford.

Mr. and Mrs. Asbury Sheets returned last Saturday from visiting friends and relatives on Buffalo Mountain.

An automobile load of timbermen passed through this section one day last week.

Rev. G. H. Echols preached a very interesting sermon at Wesley Chapel Sunday afternoon, to a large attentive audience.

Don't forget to come out Saturday May 22nd and cast a vote in favor of the high school, for under the new law it will only take a few years to send enough money out of the district to pay for the building, and we would still be without a high school.

The preacher was a young man and nervous. He was making an eloquent plea for the home life, and was decanting eloquently on the evils of the club, telling his congregation that married men in particular should spend their evenings at home with their wives and children. "Think my hearer," said he, "of a poor neglected wife, all alone in the great dreary house, rocking the cradle of her sleeping babe with one foot and wiping away the tears with the other." From unidentified clipping.—Exchange.



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